

Commission Comments by Ted Coffman

I saw a billboard a few years back that read "Vote November 7th and pray for your Country". After Election Day it read "Thanks for voting—Keep praying".

RURAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (RID)

This past year there were three RID's created to improve the roads in the Golf Course, Pintail Ridge, and Moore's Creek areas. Due to a family tragedy, the contractor was unable to accomplish the paving this season. Last week I met with the contractor, engineers and people from each of the districts. It was decided to hold off the paving until spring, rather than fighting this fall weather and getting a less than desirable finished product. The contractor will grade the roads to them set for the winter.

Since the paving was not finished this fall the contractor will have approximately \$25,000 withheld from his final payment. When all the construction is finished, and paid for, any remaining dollars from the construction fund will go into the account to make the bond payments. When the bonds are paid off, any remaining funds will go into the maintenance fund. This may allow for the maintenance assessment to be reduced or eliminated for a year or two.

There has been work done on each project, and Madison County needs to make the first bond payment by January 1, 2007. The charges have been placed on your tax statements. This had to happen for accounting purposes.

You may prepay you RID assessment anytime by calling the Madison County Treasurer, Shelly Burke, at 843-4214, to get the payoff amount.

If you want to prepay, you need to do so on the same time frame as taxes are due to keep from paying the interest for the next half. In other words, pay before November 30 and the second half interest will not be charged. You may prepay anytime during the 20 year bond period but you will be charged interest through the next period when taxes are due.
(November 30 or May 31)